# Joint Readiness Training Center & Fort Polk Home of Heroes





Fort Polk Community Information Brief





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#### **Special Events Update**











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#### Karaoke!

- Every Wednesday 1900 @ Home of Heroes Soldier Recreation Center
- Free! 13,000+ Songs to Choose From
- Songs range from any genre (pop, country, rock, etc.) and duets are available!

#### **Amazing Race**

- 13 APR 0700 @ Allen Memorial Library
- Seeking Volunteers
- Help administrate events
- Help with set-up and take down

#### **8-Ball Pool Tournament**

- 19 APR 1900 @ Home of Heroes Soldier Recreation Center
- \$5.00 per Soldier Sign up at event
- APA Rules
- Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place

#### **Nuclear Cowboys**

- 27 APR 1900 @ Houston, TX
- \$60.00 per Soldier Price includes transportation, hotel, and admission
- Transportation leaves Home of Heroes NLT 0930, will return on 28 APR

for Single Soldiers





# Child, Youth, & School Services Update





#### **Local Schools' Upcoming Events**

#### Vernon Parish School Board

Phase 2 Testing

Holiday

End of Course Testing

Last Day for Students

8-17 April

22 April

23 April-23 May

23 May (full day)

#### **Beauregard Parish School Board**

Phase 2 Testing

Last two days for students

**8-17 April** 

23 and 24 May (half day)





### Military Teenager's Environments, Exercise and Nutrition Study

- Goal: To understand how food and physical activity environments in the schools and neighborhoods influence diet, body weight, and activity
- Data Collection:
  - Sample of 12-13 year olds from enlisted Families at 12 installations
  - Web survey of parents, children, and Principals
  - Beauregard Parish and Vernon Parish selected schools
- Incentives:
  - Parents receive \$25 AAFES gift card
  - Children receive \$10 gift card and school administrator \$40
  - One mini iPad raffled at each installation for participating Families
- Measurements: 9-11 May 2013





#### **Education Updates**

- Home School
  - doe.state.la.us---library-school choice-home study or 1-877-453-2721
  - Local school boards for applications
- Home School Association for Military Families (HSAMF)
  - or 931-216-8389
  - Mission to unite military Home Schoolers across the nation
  - Benefits:
    - Stability of group during PCS
    - Monthly newsletter
    - Scholarships to local camps
    - Free school supplies
    - Access to standardized testing for grades 3-12





# Army Community Service Update





#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

- Play Morning! ACSC, 0900-1100 (POC: 531-7065)
- Toddler Play Time & Child Crafts, FRC, 0900-1100 (POC: 531-1895)
- Toddler Play Time, FRC, 0900-1100, (POC: 531-1895)
- SPECIAL EVENT: Toddler Play Time, Mothers Day Tea, FRC, 0900-1100 (POC: 531-1895)
- English as a Second Language, FRC, 0900-1100 & 1230-1430, (POC: 531-1895)
- Newcomers Orientation, ACSC, 0830-1300, (POC: 531-7087)

**Tuesdays** 

Mondays & Wednesdays

**Fridays** 

**10 May** 

**Tuesdays Thursdays** 

**Thursdays** 





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

 Army Family Team Building, Level I, FRC, 0830-1430 (POC: 531-9421)

16 & 17 Apr

 Turning Your Volunteer Experience into Paid Experience **23 Apr** ERP Workshop, FRC, 0900-1100 (POC: 531-1965)

 FRG Leader Workshop, FRC, 0830-1430 (POC: 531-7087)

24 Apr

USA Jobs Workshop, SFAC, 0900-1100 & 1300-1500 (POC: 531-7065)

1 May

 Family Member Resiliency Training, ACSC, 0800-1630 (POC: 531-0772)

14-16 May





#### **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

Protecting Children: It's Everyone's Job

#### "Protecting Your Family Against Pornography"

Tuesday & Wednesday 9-10 April 2013 0830 – 1430 (Registration will begin at 0800 on Tuesday)

Army Community Service Center, Bldg 920, Fort Polk

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Cindi Geeslin, LCSW and Family Advocacy Course Manager with the Soldier and Family Support Branch at the Army Medical Department Center and School in San Antonio, Texas

Topic: The impact of pornography on the Family and its effects on the quality of the marital relationship and the long term impact on children that have grown up in a world in which pornography has become a part of everyday life.

**Continuing Education Units Available** 

**Lunch - On Your Own** 

Free Childcare (Children must be enrolled in CYSS)

\*\*\* Registration Deadline: Friday, 5 April 2013 \*\*\*

POC: Family Advocacy Program at (337) 531-1938





#### Seminar Agenda

Protecting Your Family Against Pornography- Day 1
Tuesday, 9 April 2013
ACS Center

0830 — 1000	Child Development Theory
1015 — 1130	History of Pornography in America
1130 — 1230	Lunch on your own
1230 — 1430	Pornography and the Entertainment Business





#### Seminar Agenda

Protecting Your Family Against Pornography — Day 2
Wednesday, 10 April 2013
ACS Center

0830 — 1000	Impact of Pornography on the Culture
1015 — 1130	Impact of Pornography on Children
1130 — 1230	Lunch on your own
1230 — 1330	Impact of Pornography on Children (cont)
1330 — 1430	Developing an Inoculation Plan





#### Safety Assembly Schedule

North Polk Elementary

**Date: 5 April 2013** 

Grades: Head Start and LA4 @ 0930

**Grade: Kindergarten @ 1015** 

Grade: First @1315

Pickering Elementary

**Date: 24 April 2013** 

Grades: Kindergarten - Second @ 0830

Grades: Third and Fourth @ 0930

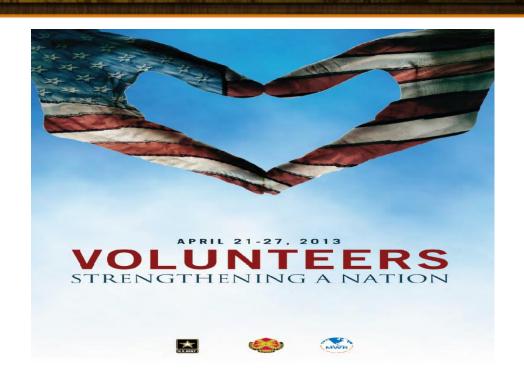
South Polk Elementary

**Date: 30 April 2013** 

Grades: Second and Third @ 0830







2013 Volunteer of the Year (VOY) Award Ceremony 22 April 2013, WCC, 1800 "Volunteers, Strengthening a Nation"





# Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Update





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

•	AER Campaign	thru 15 May
•	Child Abuse Prevention Month / Month of the Military Chil	ld Apr
•	CG Golf Scramble (WHGC, 1230)	5 Apr
•	Monthly Bass Tournament (TBRS, Safelight-1500)	6 Apr
•	NAF Auction (Bldg 3218, 1500)	6 Apr
•	Child Abuse Prevention Month Seminar	9-10 Apr
	(ACSC, 0830-1630)	
•	Amazing Fort Polk Race (Allen Memorial Library, 0800)	13 Apr
•	Monthly Sunday Brunch (WCC, 1000-1400)	14 Apr
•	CajunFest (Strike Zone Parking Lot ,1100)	<b>20 Apr</b>
•	CG Golf Scramble (WHGC, 1230)	3 May
•	Monthly Bass Tournament (TBRS, Safelight-1500)	4 May





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **UNIT SPORTS**

•	Intramural Softball Season Registration	thru 24 Apr
	Season Begins	30 Apr
	(Soldier's Complex)	
•	Laser Tag Competition (Soldiers Complex, 1800)	9 Apr
•	Army 10-Miler Qualifier (Hospital Trail, 0630)	17 Apr
•	Midnight Madness Softball Tournament	<b>26 Apr</b>
	(Soldiers Complex, 1800)	
•	10-Mile Mountain Bike Race (Blue Hole Rec Area, 0630)	1 May





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **CYS SERVICES**

•	Month of the Military Child (MOMC) Activities	1
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- Celebrating Military Families Week (All Facilities)
- Spirit Week (All Facilities)
- Teen College Fair (Siegfried Youth Center, 1700-2000)
- Family Movie Night (Siegfried Youth Center, 1830-2000)
- Creative Expression Week (All Facilities)
- CYSS Goes Green Week (All Facilities)
- Art Exhibit (Siegfried Youth Center, 1600)
- Operation Megaphone Lock-In (Siegfried, 1900-0700)
- Parent's Night Out (CDC 701, 1830-2230)
- Little League Opening Days (Perez Field, 0800)
- Parent's Day Out (CDC 701, 1200-1700)
- Camp Warrior I Registration (CYSS, Grades 6-12)
- Camp Warrior II Registration (CYSS, Grades 6-12)

1-30 Apr

1-6 Apr

7-13 Apr

9 Apr 13 Apr

14-20 Apr 21-27 Apr

26 Apr

20 Apr 6-27 Δnr

26-27 Apr

5 Apr 6 Apr

6 & 20 Apr

1 May - 7 Jun

1 May - 5 Jul





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **FUTURE EVENTS**

•	Military Spouse Appreciation Day (WCC)	9 May
•	Block Party (Strike Zone Parking Lot)	17 May
•	Camp Warrior I (North Toledo Bend St Park)	24-27 Jun
•	FreedomFest (Headquarters Field, 1300)	4 Jul
•	Camp Warrior II	22-25 Jul
•	Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair (ACSC, 1000-1300)	21 Aug
•	Spouse's Conference (TBA, 0900-1400)	18 Sep





# Directorate of Public Works Update





#### Community Recycle Day

Every Wednesday @ Bldg 3622, Net Zero Waste Ctr

- Drop Off Your Recyclable Commodities:
  - White Paper
  - Mixed Paper
  - Aluminum Cans
  - Scrap Metal
  - Used Cooking Oil
  - Automotive Batteries
  - Cardboard
  - Motor Oil To request a presentation on NZW call (337)-531-6008
  - Printer/Toner Cartridges
  - No munitions or hazardous materials
  - No personal information (HIPAA Regs)



Stay Informed. Stay Involved.

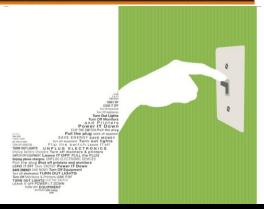








Call the Switch Hotline: (337) 531-6617
Tell us where we should
FLIP the SWITCH!



#### **Energy Conservation Tips:**

- Turn off all outside lights during the day
- Set thermostats for refrigerators at 38°- 40°F and freezers 27°- 29°F
- Wash clothes in cold or warm water, not hot water
- Reduce use of A/C systems and maximize the use of fans
- All scanners, copy machines, faxes, printers and other such equipment should be programmed with sleep modes
- All should be turned off at the end of every work day





#### **50M Pool Renovations**





- Replacement of pool piping, deck, and gutter system with ADA access
- Renovation of bathhouse and admin building with ADA access
- Pool, Bathhouse, and Admin Bldg Anticipated
   Completion Date: June 2013. Pool opens July 2013

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#### **Pueblo & Phoenix Street Overlay**

- Both streets to be overlaid with asphalt.
- During construction, home station units will be required to park in alternate locations for a short period of time.
- Completion Date: 24 Jun 13

#### FY13 Crosswalk Restriping

- Hwy 467 & LA Ave
- Hwy 467 & Holmlund Ave
- Holmlund Ave Trail Adj LA Ave LA Ave & Holmlund Ave
- LA Ave & Magnolia Dr
- Hwy 467 & Bellrichard Ave





#### **Golf Course Running Trail Improvements**



- Upgrade 5,511 feet of trail to a width of 10 feet
- Replace three bridges with culverts
- Remove and reconstruct one bridge
- Scheduled Completion Date: 20 Apr 13





#### Picerne Program Update





#### **Program Update**

#### Infill on existing foundation

Dogwood Terrace – 26 homes - 4 bedroom began in February; first deliveries in June

#### **Renovations**

North Fort Minors

53 of 272 to be completed by end of April 35 of 115 homes scheduled for 2013

#### Site Work

Eagle View Drive – Building pads, grading, and infrastructure in progress

#### **Demolition**

46 homes slated for 2013; Pre-demolition preparations in progress







#### **Super Yard Sale**

Saturday, April 6 0700 – 1400

Signs are now available from all the Neighborhood Centers. Signs can be displayed the day before, and must be taken down when the sale ends.

#### **Spring into Fun**

Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate spring with us! Pictures from the event are on our website

www.polkpicerne.com



April 2013 issue of Community Newsletter now available in your email inbox or online at polkpicerne.com/newsletter





#### **Educational Grants Available**

Deadline is 9 May 2013, to apply for educational grants for spouses of active duty members.

#### The Educational Grant includes:

- \$5,000 one-time award
- Students in any phase of education

May attend community or technical college or university

Visit ourfamilyforfamiliesfirst.org to apply

Applicants do NOT have to live in a Picerne Military Housing home to be eligible.

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### Thanks for ranking us #1 in customer service!

In 2012, residents were randomly selected to complete the SatisFacts national resident satisfaction phone survey. As a result of the feedback collected from random, current on-post residents, Picerne Military Housing ranked first in resident satisfaction for properties with at least 10,000 homes. SatisFacts also awarded Picerne with the 2012 SatisFacts Superior Resident Satisfaction Company Award.

The SatisFacts survey is for all types of residential management companies, not just those that manage military housing. Picerne Military Living has earned a superior rating from SatisFacts the past five years. The company has also earned the number one resident satisfaction ranking for companies with at least 10,000 homes four times.





# Staff Judge Advocate Update

"There's no better way of exercising the imagination than the study of law. No poet ever interpreted nature as freely as a lawyer interprets the truth." ~ Jean Giraudoux





#### FREETAXHELP



The Fort Polk Tax Center provides income tax return preparation and filing to active duty personnel and their dependents, Reservists on active duty for more than 90 days and their dependents, and military retirees and their dependents.

#### There is no charge for this service.

When: Fort Polk Tax Center will be open through 15 April 2013.

Monday through Friday 09:00-16:00 Saturdays (by appointment only) 09:00-12:00

Where: Fort Polk Tax Center, 1881 Alabama Avenue, Bldg 2502

For more information: Call the Tax Center at (337) 531-1040

What to bring: This year's tax package and/or label. All forms, W-2 and 1099's. Information for other income. A copy of last years tax return. Social Security Cards. Bank account and routing numbers.

To get the most up to date tax products and information visit: www.irs.ustreas.gov





#### Tax Season

- through 15 April
- Monday Friday, 0900-1600, Saturday, 0900-1200
- Building 2502, 1881 Alabama Avenue
- **(**337) 531-1040

#### **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

 Special Victim Prosecutor presentation after "The Invisible War" showing on 2 May

#### Law Day

- 1 May
  - School outreach
  - > 5K run/walk





# Installation Chaplain Update





#### Weekly Religious Services & Events

Catholic Mass, Main Post Chapel (MPC)

1700 Saturday 0900 Sunday

Protestant Service, MPC

1100 Sunday

 ChapelNeXt Contemporary Protestant Service, Glory Chapel 0930 Sunday

Gospel Service, Glory Chapel

1100 Sunday

Catholic CCD, MPC

0800-0845 Sunday





#### Weekly Religious Services & Events

 Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC), 0900-1130, MPC **Tuesdays** 

 Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC), 0900-1130, MPC

Wednesdays

· Community Meal 1730-1800, MPC

Wednesdays

• AWANA, 1815-1945, MPC

Wednesdays

Youth of the Chapel (YOC), 1830, MPC

**Thursdays** 





#### **Installation Events**

 Religious Support Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 13 Apr 1800, WCC

Post-wide Church Picnic
 MPC Grounds
 Outdoor Protestant Service at 1100
 Picnic begins at 1200

 Spiritual Resiliency Working Group Meeting 1330, MPC 25 Apr

**21 Apr** 





#### Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital Update





#### **Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital**

Physical Exam, Aviation Medicine moves to new CTMC

Physical Exam and Aviation Medicine are now located in the new Consolidate Troop Medical Clinic (Old Preventive Medicine), bldg 3504.

Telephone numbers for both clinics remain the same – Aviation Medicine – 531-3527; Physical Exams – 531-2579





### Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital TRICARE Online

#### Blue Button

View or download your personal - lab results, allergy profile, medication profile, problem list and encounter data

#### Appointing

Schedule, view and cancel Primary Care and select selfreferral specialty appointments online

#### Rx Refills

Access Rx refills to refill prescriptions, check status of your prescriptions or access Mail Order Pharmacy

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#### **Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital**

#### **Secure Messaging**

 Assess secure messaging to communicate safely and efficiently on a variety of topics with your health care team

#### **HART**

- Access HART Health Assessment Review Tool, to complete self-reported health information surveys that are developed specifically for Military Health System beneficiaries
- Sign Up today at TRICARE Online.com





#### **Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital**

#### **April Observances**

- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Occupational Therapy Month
- World Health Day April 7
- Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, April 21-27
- Month of the Military Child





# Dental Activity (DENTAC) Update





#### **UPCOMING DENTAL EVENTS**

18 APRIL - RED CROSS CLASS Graduation



- JULY (exact date to be determined)
  - MOUTH GUARD DAY

TRICARE Dental Program – allows coverage of one custom fitted athletic mouth guard at a 50% cost share, per 12 month period.





#### **MOUTHGUARDS**

- Why?....an athlete is 60 times more likely to injure teeth or mouth when not wearing one
  - Prevents over 200,000 injuries/year
  - Protect the teeth by distributing the force of a blow over all of the surrounding teeth and gums.
  - Protect against neck injuries
  - Mouth guards serve as a shock absorber for concussive forces affecting the lower jaw
- Why wear a mouth guard custom fitted by dentist?
  - Store bought will not fit or protect as well
  - may be more uncomfortable to wear
  - cause more interference with speech and breathing





# Directorate of Emergency Services Update







#### Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board AFDCB

- Governed by AR 190-24, Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Boards and Off-Installation Liaison and Operations
- Purpose is to advise and make recommendations to commanders on matters concerning eliminating conditions at off-post establishments which adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, morale, and/or discipline of the Armed Forces

<u>To report incidents/complaints to be investigated call:</u> (337) 531-7324; (337) 531-9491; (337) 531-7020

 Board is conducted quarterly with findings provided to Commanding General for decision





#### **Curfew Hours:**

**CMD Policy Memorandum DES-06** 



- Children 11 YOA or younger: 2100 0600 unless supervised by adult
- Children 12 -14 YOA: 2200 0600 unless supervised by adult; or returning home directly from a community/school-organized function or facility, Youth Services Program, traveling to/from verifiable employment, or responding to a bona fide emergency
- Children 15 -17 YOA: 2400 0600 unless supervised by adult; or returning home directly from a community/school-organized function or facility, Youth Services Program, traveling to/from verifiable employment, or responding to a bona fide emergency





#### Fort Polk House Watch Program

- When on leave/vacation, stop by DES and submit form;
   Patrols will check your home at least twice per shift
- Designate a POC, leave house key/contact information with DES
- Ask someone pick up mail and newspapers
- Leave lamps on timers if possible
- Check/Secure all Doors/Windows







JRTC & Fort Polk Hunting Dates 2012/2013

Turkey:

23 March – 26 April 13

**Game Enforcement Section: 531-5222** 

Web Site:





Access Control Point	Hours of Operation (Weekday)	Hours of Operation (Weekend)	Access Control Point Location
ACP 1	24/7	24/7	Main Gate Louisiana Ave
ACP 2	0500 - 2100	0500 - 2100	University Parkway Hwy 476 North
ACP 3	Closed	Closed	Mill Creek Road Adjacent ASP
ACP 4	0500 - 1800	0500 - 1800	Entrance Road and Hwy 10
ACP 5	0500 - 2100	0500 - 2100	Hwy 467 South and Hwy 10
ACP 6	0500 - 2100	0500 - 2100	Chaffee Rd Adjacent North Fort Housing
ACP 7	24/7	24/7	K Avenue and Alligator Lake
	24/7*	24/7*	
ACP 8	(0530 - 1800)	(Closed)	Artillery Rd and K Ave (into Box)

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes that this ACP is open 24/7 during rotations only





#### Command Safety Office Update





#### **OUTDOOR RECREATION AND SPORTS**

Nice weather lets you get outside more for jogging and bicycle riding as well as other outdoor activities. It is important to always stretch and warm up your muscles prior to any strenuous activity.

Proper hydration is necessary to preclude leg cramps, dizziness, and exhaustion.

Good shoes are needed for running to help support your back and legs.

Helmets and reflective bicycle on Fort Polk. Ride with the signals.

Injuries can and do become the

gear are required for riding your flow of traffic and use hand

happen. Don't let yourself injured.





#### **LIFE SAVING TIPS**

Lawn mowers, weed eaters, leaf blowers and hedge trimmers whether gas or electric powered all come with hazards. Follow all of the manufacture's safety warnings as well as good common sense while performing spring clean up. Safety glasses, long sleeved shirts, long pants, gloves, and hard toed shoes will ensure that you keep yourself protected.









- ✓ Picnics and BBQs will be in full swing.
- ✓ Dispose of your used charcoal property.
- ✓ Never place used coals in plastic bags or in your garbage cans.
- ✓ Make sure the coals are completely cold before dumping them.
- √ Never leave the grill unattended.



✓ Keep children and pets at a safe distance.

Command Safety Office (337) 531-4329





#### **Exchange Update**







#### **Exchange**

Spirit of the Month: Jose Gold and Silver

Jose Gold and Silver Tasting

**05 APR** 

Located at Fort Polk Class VI at 1600.

Sauza Tequila Tasting

**12 APR** 

Located at Fort Polk Class VI at 1600.

New Slushie Tasting

**14 APR** 

Located at Fort Polk Express 3.





#### **Exchange**

Malibu Tasting
 19 APR

Located at Fort Polk Class VI at 1600.

Cajun Fest 20 APR

Firestone and Smoothie King represents AAFES.

Tamales Tasting26 APR

Located at Fort Polk Express 3.





#### **Exchange Military Store Promotions**

#### Clearance-Price Jewelry and/or Watches Promotion 19-25 APR

- 25% off clearance-priced jewelry and/or watches with Military Star.
- Original coupon must be present at checkout.
- Valid at any Army and Air Force Exchange facility. Limit one Military Star coupon per offer, per customer, per day.
- Cannot be combined with any other offer.
- No cash redemption value.
- Not valid on prior purchases. Not valid at concessionaires,
   shopmyexchange.com or Exchange Catalog. Excludes layaways.





#### **Exchange Military Store Promotions**

**GIVES BACK Outdoor, Lawn and Garden Promotion** 19 APR-2 MAY

- 10% off any outdoor living, lawn and garden purchase with Military Star.
- Discount taken off automatically at register.
- Valid at any Army and Air Force Exchange facility and shopmyexchange.com (see online for promo code and details).
- Cannot be combined with any other offer.
- Not valid on prior purchases. Limited to stock on hand.
- Not valid at concessionaires, Specialty Stores and Exchange Online Mall.
   Excludes layaways.





#### **Exchange Military Store Promotions**

#### **Dyson Promotion**

26 APR - 9 May

- No interest and no down payments until December 2013 on any Dyson purchase of \$179 or more with Military Star.
- Valid at any Army and Air Force Exchange facility, Exchange Catalog or shopmyexchange.com.
- Not valid on prior purchases. Limited to stock on hand.
- Not valid at concessionaires, Specialty Store and Exchange Online Mall.
   Excludes layaways.
- Not valid on Military Star Rewards MasterCard line of credit.





# Fort Polk Commissary Update







FORT POLK

DESIGN / BUILD NEW COMMISSARY

Defense Commissary Agency DeCA Logistics and Engineering Group Fort Lee, Virginia Lackland AFB, Texas





#### **DeCA**

- NEW COMMISSARY Project Update

   Meeting held 20 March to review the 90%
   submittal and the construction is on schedule.
- EFFORTS UNDERWAY Rough grading, earthwork for building pad, utility relocation;
- FUTURE EFFORTS Foundation footings phase work of the construction is scheduled to be in-place between 15-20 April